

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the final Office Action of December 9, 2004. Reexamination, reconsideration, and allowance of the application and all presently pending claims are respectfully requested.

Upon entry of this Second Response, claims 21, 22, 26, 27, and 29-36 remain pending in this application. Claims 21, 22, 26, and 29-33 are directly amended herein, and claims 20 and 25 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer via the amendments set forth herein. It is believed that the foregoing amendments add no new matter to the present application. Further, it is believed that the foregoing amendments comply with requirements made in the outstanding Office Action and do not necessitate a new search by the Examiner. Entry of the foregoing amendments is respectfully requested pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.116.

Claims 34-36 are allowed. Further, claims 21, 22, 26, 27, and 30-33 have been indicated as allowable by the outstanding Office Action if such claims are rewritten to include the limitations of their respective base claims. Accordingly, pending claims 21, 22, 26, and 30-33 have been amended herein to include the features of their respective base claims, and Applicant respectfully requests that the objections to these claims be withdrawn. Further, claims 27 and 29 both depend from allowable claim 26. Accordingly, claims 27 and 29 are allowable as a matter of law. *In re Fine*, 5 U.S.P.Q.2d 1596, 1600 (Fed. Cir. 1988).

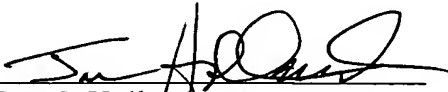
CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully requests that all outstanding objections and rejections be withdrawn and that this application and all presently pending claims be allowed to issue. If the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding Applicant's response, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone Applicant's undersigned counsel.

Respectfully submitted ,

**THOMAS, KAYDEN, HORSTEMEYER
& RISLEY, L.L.P.**

By:



Jon E. Holland

Reg. No. 41,077

(256) 704-3900 Ext. 103

Intellectual Property Administration
P.O. Box 272400
Fort Collins, Colorado 80527-2400